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"If you want it, move it," urges the editor in the latest issue of Y Action, the newly re-vamped national publication of the YMCAs of Canada.

"Moving it means taking action. More specifically, it means action which necessitates a change in some attitudes," explains 21-year old Jim Wolfe.

He insists that if people really want something, they won't simply talk about wanting it. They will move and act on it, despite attitudinal obstacles.

Noting that dissatisfaction with institutions is growing--and not only amongst young people--he says action by private citizens and groups of people is "effervescing" and filling the gap.

"The challenge...is to encourage this effervescence, respond to it, and then act...That may mean a lot of flak, and institutions which are relevant to where people are at will be able to handle it."

In line with a near-unamimous decision at the recent annual meeting of the Canadian YMCAs, Y Action is now "a publication for the expression of opinions of youth in Canada, published by youth, with editorial authority in the hands of youth".

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